

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

See argument set forth in the Appeal Brief submitted concurrently herewith. Claims 23-24 have been cancelled without prejudice, claim 25 placed into independent form, and , and claim 28 has been amended to depend on new independent claim 25 in order to clarify the issues on appeal.

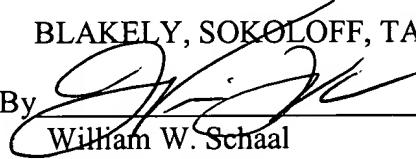
***Conclusion***

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: 08/04/2003

By 

William W. Schaal

Reg. No. 39,018

Tel.: (714) 557-3800 (Pacific Coast)

Attachments - Appeal Brief

12400 Wilshire Boulevard, Seventh Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90025

---

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 CFR 1.8A)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

**MAILING**

**FACSIMILE**

deposited with the United States Postal Service  
as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:  
Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and  
Trademark Office.

Date: 08/04/2003

  
Corrinn R. Reynolds

08/04/2003

Date